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Early week prices were unchanged to lower on larger sizes and unchanged on mediums except in New York where all prices were unchanged. During the week prices were lower on all sizes in New York but unchanged in all other areas. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light with fully adequate to ample offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Spent hen removal costs were irregular. Demand was fair to good with fully adequate to ample offerings. Schedules were full-time at most locations. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4.5-9.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned and loose egg sales were slow to moderate at best. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Demand was light to instances moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment generally steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 37-45 40-43

LARGE 36-45 38-41

MEDIUM 33-42 35-38

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all outlets ranged mostly light to fair. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to available. Demand was reported as light to moderate. Spent hens were fully adequate to at times ample for processing requirements.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 46-62 46-51

LARGE 40-54 45-49

MEDIUM 37-50 41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Apr 28, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS EX LARGE LARGE MEDIUM

NORTHEAST 49.50 49.00 42.50

SOUTHEAST 51.50 49.50 43.00

MIDWEST 43.50 41.50 36.50

SOUTH CENTRAL 52.50 49.50 38.50

COMBINED REGIONAL 49.37 47.44 39.97

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

Large 18-27 20-29 26-35

Medium 15-21 15-21 15-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 01, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	18.6	10.6	14.9	13.7	67.1	
	Change	-1.5	1.6	1.1	0.6	1.0	4%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.9	83.2	13.8	27.3	43.8	194.0	
	Change	4.8	16.8	-0.7	7.9	12.8	27%	
Large	Curr Wk	31.7	214.4	94.3	115.2	133.6	589.2	
	Change	-12.1	22.4	17.0	32.0	20.6	16%	
Medium	Curr Wk	8.1	50.5	15.7	19.7	29.5	123.5	
	Change	-3.9	10.2	2.3	0.8	4.3	12%	
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	6.1	1.1	2.5	5.4	18.4	
	Change	-1.7	-5.5	0.6	-3.4	0.6	-34%	
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	29.1	10.0	10.4	4.5	57.3	
	Change	-0.3	-5.1	1.2	-1.0	0.7	-7%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.9	62.4	27.7	33.0	18.7	161.7	
	Change	-4.0	9.8	2.8	4.8	-4.3	6%	
Total	Curr Wk	101.5	464.3	173.2	223.0	249.2	1211.2	
	Percent Change	-16%	12%	16%	23%	17%	12%	

TOTAL

Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1211.2	12%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.4	1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1467.6	10%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 29-APR-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,344,598	33,856	12,383	6,466	3,082	4,463
PW	1,303,271	32,803	11,908	6,248	2,974	4,415
LY	1,290,482	31,053	12,550	6,571	2,539	4,546
% Chg PWK	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%
% Chg LY	4%	9%	-1%	-2%	21%	-2%
2006	21,598,463	535,107	201,279	108,826	48,866	73,694
2005	21,574,545	514,984	211,293	113,175	46,924	74,883
% Chg YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	4%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.52	42.49	42.40
(Inedible Excluded)	39.20	39.10	38.88

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	619,134	46.0%	17,297	51.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	611,779	46.9%	16,683	50.9%
LAST YEAR	549,543	42.6%	14,588	47.0%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	APR 22	APR 29	APR 22	APR 29
	Thousand			
AL	30,175	31,584	20,806	21,350
AR	30,234	29,461	*23,469	24,234
DE	3,726	3,580	*4,740	4,996
FL	1,352	1,364	1,428	1,522
GA	34,747	34,425	29,050	28,904
KY	7,004	7,133	*6,280	6,217
LA	4,000	3,970	4,139	3,914
MD	8,824	8,859	*5,901	5,670
MS	18,172	17,788	16,394	16,413
NC	*19,078	18,744	*15,272	15,098
OK	*6,603	6,497	4,877	5,143
PA	*4,034	3,790	*2,913	3,051
SC	5,205	5,395	4,286	4,703
TX	14,984	13,444	12,810	12,872
VA	*6,443	6,501	5,375	5,123
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,037	17,095	16,791	17,408
19 State Total	*212,618	209,630	*174,531	176,618
Previous Year Total	215,123	214,687	175,439	180,017
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	98

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Jun-06 is estimated at 161.6 million head. This compares to 161.9 million head the previous week and to 167.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.47 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/27/06-05/03/06

CURRENT LDS 86.50 FUTURE LDS 59.25 TOTAL LDS 145.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	22.50	—	22.33	24.33	—	—	6.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	35.67	37.67	30.67	—	4.50
GL W XL	—	35.18	35.00	35.21	25.17	25.75	50.75
GL W LG	—	37.00	34.33	35.00	23.56	24.88	27.75
GL W MD	37.00	34.00	28.75	30.25	22.00	23.71	23.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.08	24.63	—	—	3.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	24.58	26.33	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	19.50	21.63	—	23.78	20.77	24.71	50.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	22.25	24.00	21.25	20.88	11.50
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.25	21.00	—	—	.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-APR-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	26.8	25.4			6	6
Boston	3.1	3.2			-3	-6
Chicago	64.2	62.5			3	-1
Detroit	24.5	25.1			-2	7
Kansas City	5.0	7.7			-35	117
Los Angeles	110.3	113.2			-3	9
New Orleans	5.9	6.0			-2	-2
New York	29.3	29.4			0	-6
St. Louis	13.8	14.6			-5	-13
San Francisco	17.6	17.3			2	1
Total	300.5	304.4			-1	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	343.1					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 29-APR-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	2,308	2,590	34	8		4,940
Avg Wt	17.39	37.95	22.93	27.02		28.22
Last week	2,043	2,469	57	2		4,571
Same wk yr ago	1,677	2,689	44	9		4,419
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71	22.07	31.46		29.51
To-date/2006	31,038	41,867	420	99		73,424
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983	414	59		69,940

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 29-APR-06						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT	
North East	827	12	24.26	(A)	829	24.26
South Atlantic	870	16	30.60	(A)	872	30.60
North Central	2,141	4	32.75	(A)	2,143	32.75
South Central	783	11	17.80	(A)	784	17.80
West	311	-5	27.23	(A)	312	27.23
U.S. total	4,932 (B)	8	28.22	8	4,940	28.22
To-date						
2006	73,325 (B)				99	73,424
To-date						
2005	69,881 (B)				59	69,940

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 420,000; for last year to date 414,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 29-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	167,199	1,110	1,456	2,566	542
Avg Wt	5.47	3.32	8.03	5.99	6.82
Last week	163,490	1,208	1,385	2,593	554
Same wk yr ago	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152	514
Avg Wt	5.46	3.24	8.02	5.42	6.77
To-date/2006	2,736,169	20,284	24,378	44,662	8,717
To-date/2005	2,671,507	26,095	22,726	48,821	8,589

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.2 million head, or 3.0 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-May-06

CLASS	CW - 05/06/06(1)	PW - 04/29/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	158,912(2)	162,882
Light hens	1,113	1,166
Heavy hens	1,487	1,418
Total	161,512	165,466

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-May-06 is 166.7 million head compared to 166.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.2 million head or 7.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-May-06 the estimated available is 166.5 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
March 25	164.1	164.9	100%	5.36
April 1	163.8	164.9	99%	5.28
8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.40
29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
Year to date	2769.5	2780.1	100%	
May 6		166.7		
13		166.5		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 01-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	46.00-49.00	48.17	35 :	47.86	72
Los Angeles	75.00	72.54	67 :	66.73	168
New York	48.00-51.00	49.91	22 :	53.75	55

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

01-MAY-2006	24-APR-2006	24-APR-2006	02-MAY-2005
57.86	Change from -91	58.77	72.63

NUMBER OF LOADS 585

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ WTD LBS
8-16 LB HENS OFFERS SALES AVG (000)

EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
AM	04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG		-12	-5215	11101
PCT CHG		0%	-6%	17%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 28, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	21 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	350 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	1016 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 01-MAY-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.05
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.91

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

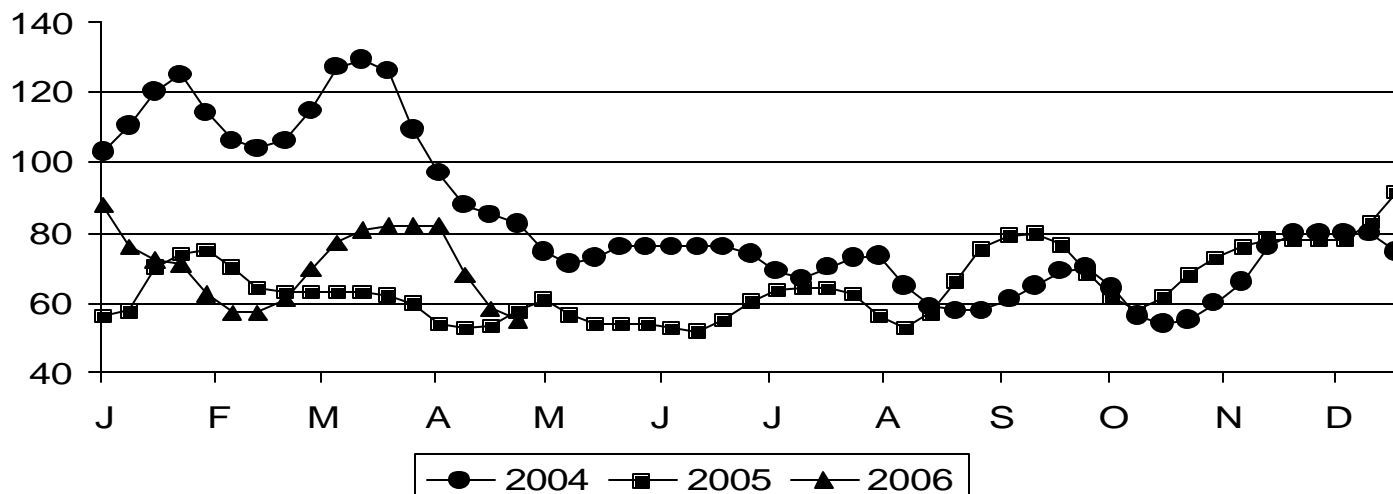
28-APR-06	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12 9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	4.5-9.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)
W/E 29-APR-2006 CASES PERCENT CHANGE FROM

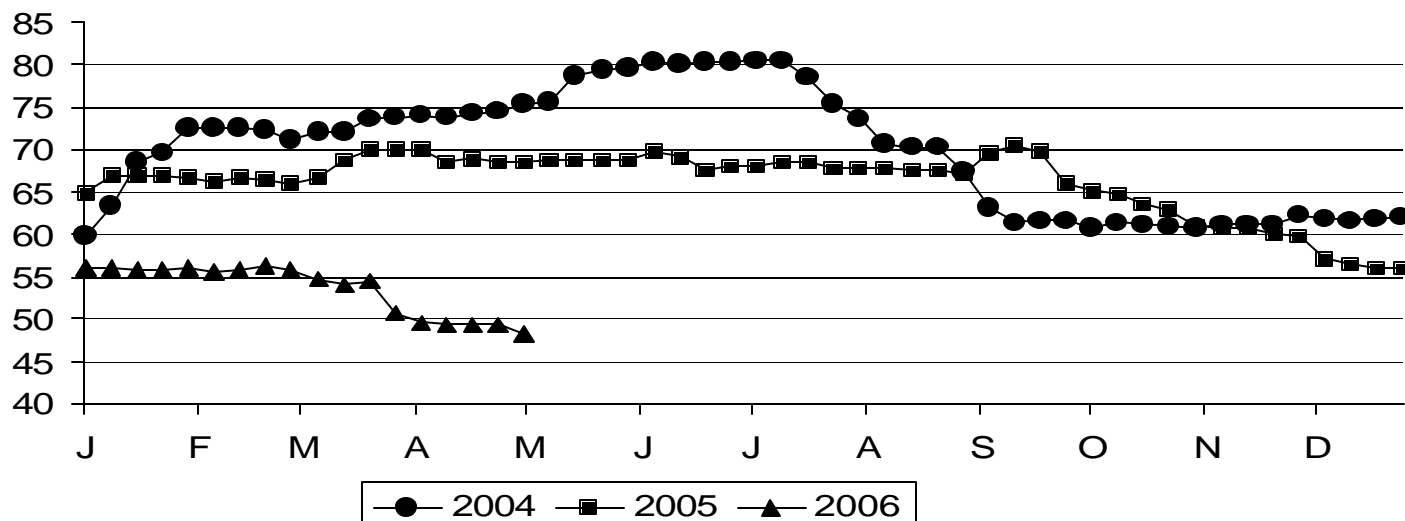
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	207.4	-2	-2
East North Central	581.7	-1	8
West North Central	293.1	-6	12
South Atlantic	179.4	-4	-4
South Central	55.6	4	-20
West	173.7	-4	-14
Total	1490.9	-3	1
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

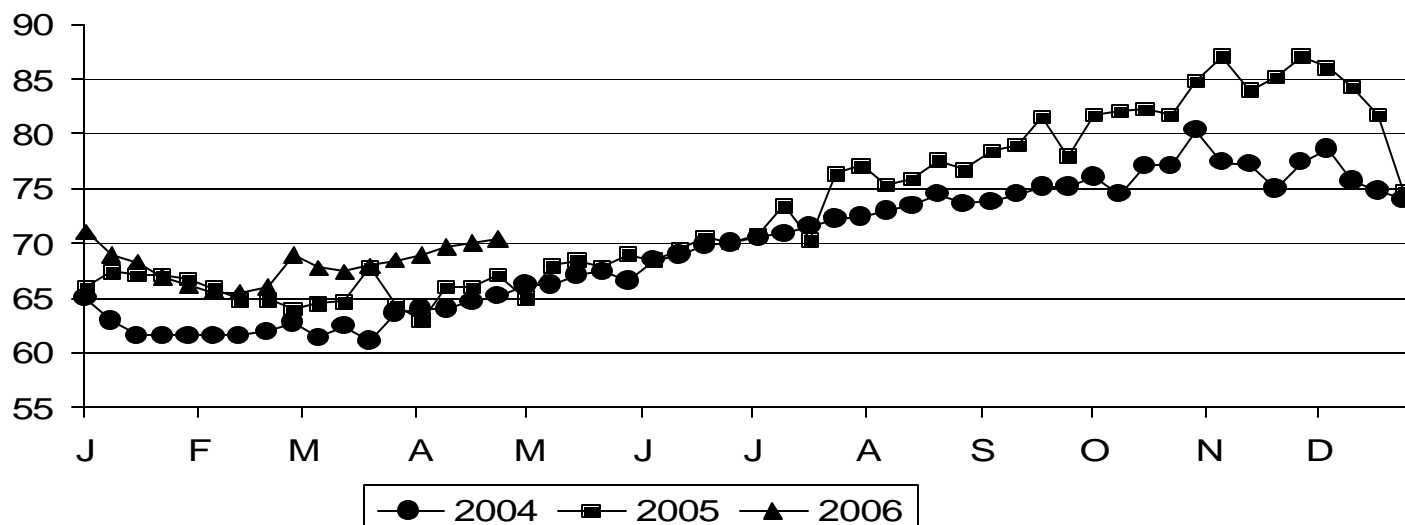
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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